

## Natalie Merchant

### "Carpenter"

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"Well met, well met  
And I know true love  
Well met, well met, said he  
Im just returning from the salt, salt sea  
And its all for the love of thee

come in, come in  
My own true love  
And have a seat with me  
Its been three-fourths  
Of a long, long year  
Since together we have been

no I cant come in  
And I cant sit down  
For I have but a moments time  
They say that youre married  
To a house carpenter  
And your heart shall never be mine

well I could have married  
The kings daughter fair  
She would have married me  
But I forsaked upon  
Her crowns of gold  
And its all for the love of thee

now will you forsake on  
Your house carpenter  
And go along with me?  
Ill take you where  
The grass grows green  
On the banks of the bitter reeds

She pickd up her wee little babe  
And kisses, gave it three saying,  
stay right here my darling little one  
Keep your papa company

Now they had not been  
On the ship two weeks

I swear it was not three  
When his true love began  
To weep and moan  
And she wept most bitterly

are you weeping  
For my silver and gold  
Are you weeping for my store or are  
You weeping for that house carpenter  
That you neer shall see no more?

a curse on the sailor she swore  
A curse, a curse she swore  
You robbed me of my sweet little babe  
That I never shall see no more!

Well, they had not been  
On the ship three weeks  
I swear it was not four  
Until there came a leak in the ship  
And she sank  
To rise no more

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